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                   FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
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     OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
     et al.
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               Plaintiffs,
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     V.
                                             No. 05-CV-329-GKF-SAJ
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     TYSON FOODS, INC., et al.,
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               Defendants.
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                       PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING
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relate to the issues presented during this injunction hearing.

And then he will talk specifically about poultry waste, runoff and the risk associated with that poultry waste, the groundwater and recreation as pathways to human exposures.

We'll next call Dr. Barry Winn, W-I-N-N, who is an emergency room physician. He actually has a number of emergency rooms in the area immediately surrounding and within the Illinois River Watershed. Dr. Winn will talk from a practical standpoint about how procedures in the emergency rooms that he has under operation have been changed, the protocols have changed because of bacterial contamination of the Illinois River watershed.

Dr. J. Berton Fisher, geochemist and geologist, will talk about the geology of the watershed. And Your Honor will learn, as I have, that this is an extremely important part of the formula because the geology of this watershed makes it particularly sensitive to water transfers. The karst formations allow these bacteria to go from edge of field to stream, to rivers, down underground, into the groundwater and into the wells within the region. He will also talk about the Ozark uplift and he will talk about the defendants' operations, disposal practices, runoff and transport.

Dr. Bernard Engel, an environmental engineer with a PhD in agricultural engineering from Purdue University, will talk about the amount of waste that's generated within the

RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. GEORGE Dr. Engel, have you ever spoken with anyone at George's as to why they might be moving poultry litter to the Delta? I have not. Α. Were you just speculating about why, one possible reason as to why that might be occurring? Well, certainly the literature would all seem to indicate that, you know, you lose the economic value after you transport this more than a few tens of miles, including the Rausser-Dicks materials that you provided. You have no idea why they transferred it to the Delta, do you? Well, most likely it's either because --Α.

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- 15 Sir, do you know why they transferred it to the Delta? Q.
- 16 I don't know exactly why George's does that. Α.
- 17 MR. GEORGE: Okay, thank you.
- THE COURT: You may step down. The plaintiff may call 18
- 19 its next witness.
- 20 MR. NANCE: Your Honor, State would call Dr. Gordon
- 21 Johnson.

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22 GORDON VERNON JOHNSON

- 23 Called as a witness on behalf of the plaintiffs, being first
- 24 duly sworn, testified as follows:
- THE COURT: State your full name for the record, 25

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               THE WITNESS: Gordon Vernon Johnson.
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               THE COURT: Mr. Nance, you may inquire.
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              MR. NANCE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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                            DIRECT EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. NANCE:
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      Q. You've told the Court your name. Would you tell the Court
     what you have done in your professional career, particularly at
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     the Oklahoma State University?
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          I served as extension soil nutrient management specialist
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     and director of the soil, water and forage testing laboratory.
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          And for what period of time were you at Oklahoma State
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     University?
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          I was there from 1977 through 2004.
      Α.
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         Were you, at least in 2003 and '4, the regent's professor
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     of soil science at the university?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          Let me ask you to look at Exhibit No. 84 and ask if that
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     is your curriculum vitae current through March of 2003?
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      Α.
          Yes.
          And other than the fact of your retirement in 2004, is
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     there any change that needs to be made to that?
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          Have you testified as an expert witness in court cases
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     the loop on before I finish my time with you. You recall we
     talked about Mr. Saunders' farm and his animal waste management
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     plan, and that's Defendants' Exhibit 6. I want to go briefly
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     back to -- it was the fourth page of the exhibit, Bates number
     182. And Ms. Ferguson is going to put it up on the screen.
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              THE COURT: I think we need to have this document
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     identified, Mr. McDaniel.
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              MR. MCDANIEL: Certainly.
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              THE COURT: Have the witness identify it.
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      Ο.
          (By Mr. McDaniel) Right. Dr. Johnson, would you, again,
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     for the benefit of the record identify what is Defendants'
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     Exhibit 6?
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          It is titled Animal Waste Management Plan W.A. Saunders
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     Poultry Production Operation.
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          And on the cover sheet from Oklahoma Department of
     Q.
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     Agriculture, Food and Forestry; is that correct?
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     Α.
          Yes.
          All right, thank you. Now, back over to the fourth page
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     of the exhibit, sir, where we were looking at the table that
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     showed the soil test results for Mr. Saunders' five fields?
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     Α.
          Yes.
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          Are you back there?
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          Yes.
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              MR. MCDANIEL: I asked Ms. Ferguson to blow up on the
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screen the section that I wanted to talk about now.

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THE COURT: Mr. McDaniel, before we go any further, I
know we referenced this before, but is there any objection to
the admission of -- I take it this is on the list?
         MR. MCDANIEL: It is, sir.
         THE COURT: Okay.
         MR. MCDANIEL: But if it will help the Court,
Mr. Nance and I both agreed prior to your announcement that the
exhibits I identified and he's identified a couple more,
there's no objection to their use.
         THE COURT: Mr. Nance, for the record.
         MR. NANCE: That's correct, Your Honor.
         THE COURT: Very good. Go ahead.
         MR. MCDANIEL:
                       Thank you.
     (By Mr. McDaniel) Dr. Johnson, not to replow ground,
0.
pardon the pun, that we did yesterday. This animal waste
management plan approved by ODAFF gives a maximum allowable
litter application that can be used by Mr. Saunders on his
fields. Do you agree?
    I'm not sure what you're looking at.
Α.
    All right. Look just below the table. The table says
soil test results?
Α.
    Yes.
Ο.
    All right. And do you see that text below that?
Α.
    Yes.
Ο.
    Could you read the first two sentences aloud, please?
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- 1 A. Okay. Soil test P index is below 250 in all fields
- 2 tested. Litter can be applied at the full rate, parenthesis,
- 3 | 200 pounds P205 per acre, parenthesis closed.
- 4 Q. And the next sentence, please.
- 5 A. 200 pounds P205 divided by 79 pounds P205 per ton of
- 6 litter equals 2.5 tons of litter per acre per year maximum
- 7 application rate.
- 8 | Q. All right. For the lay person, is this animal waste
- 9 | management plan telling Mr. Saunders he can put up to two and a
- 10 half tons of litter per acre per year?
- 11 A. Yes, it is.
- 12 Q. All right. And that would include Field No. 3 that tested
- 13 at 65 STP?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. All right, thank you. Now, on the question of just
- 16 | strictly agronomic needs for phosphorus, isn't it true,
- 17 Dr. Johnson, that Oklahoma State University recommends that
- 18 when fertilizing for phosphorus purposes that a threshold of
- 19 | 120 STP be used to ensure that every place in the field has at
- 20 | least 65 STP available to the plant?
- 21 A. There are some references to that, yes.
- 22 | Q. All right. And that's because there can be just
- 23 | variability in the real world as to the actual phosphorus
- 24 | content of the soils across a pasture?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And by using the soil test method and shooting for 120 for
- 2 | phosphorus purposes, that ensures all the areas of the field
- 3 has at least 65 for the benefit of the growing plants; right?
- 4 A. If the field variability exceeds the variability that
- 5 existed when the soil test calibration was conducted to reach
- 6 that 65 level, that would be true.
- 7 Q. Now, Dr. Johnson, you're not here today to offer the
- 8 opinion that poultry litter qualifies as a solid waste under
- 9 | the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, are you?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Isn't it true, sir, that you're not aware of any
- 12 jurisdiction that regulates poultry litter as a solid waste?
- 13 A. That's true.
- 14 | O. And you're not aware of any jurisdiction that requires
- 15 | animal manures to be landfilled or incinerated?
- 16 A. That's true.
- 17 | Q. And you're not aware of any jurisdiction that regulates
- 18 | the use of poultry litter based upon its bacterial content?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 MR. MCDANIEL: I'll pass the witness. Thank you, Your
- 21 Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Redirect.
- 23 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. NANCE:
- 25 Q. Dr. Johnson, do you still have Mr. Saunders' plan there

- 1 with you handy?
- 2 A. Yes, I do.
- 3 Q. On that page that Mr. McDaniel just referred you to where
- 4 | it says that 200 pounds of P205 per acre could be applied. Do
- 5 you see that?
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. Let me ask you -- I don't know. I haven't asked
- 8 Mr. Hammons to put this up. Do you recall our Exhibit 411
- 9 yesterday which is the phosphorus soil test calibration
- 10 exhibit?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- 12 | Q. Is there any circumstance that Oklahoma State University
- 13 | would recommend 200 pounds per acre to be applied?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. So on Exhibit 411, if it says the STP is zero, the
- 16 | recommendation is 75; is that correct?
- 17 A. That's correct, yes.
- 18 | Q. All right, sir. Mr. McDaniel asked you a question
- 19 | yesterday about whether or not you knew if any of these
- 20 defendants had applied poultry waste. Do you recall that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. In those instances when you testified yesterday that the
- 23 average for a particular integrator, the STP was a value that
- 24 | you had calculated, were you looking at the STP levels shown by
- 25 the various records for contract growers for that particular

- 2 Α. Yes, I believe so.
- Okay. Now, do you still have the group of exhibits that 3 Q.
- 4 Mr. McDaniel gave you, that's Defendants' Exhibit PI 1? Could
- we talk about that for a moment, please? 5
- 6 Α. Yes.
- Before yesterday, had you spent much time looking at these 7 0.
- 8 Arkansas regulations?
- 9 No, I had not. Α.
- 10 Let me, sir, invite your attention, and Mr. Hammons, if
- 11 you would, please, to page 7 of that exhibit, Section 2202.1.
- 12 Do you see that?
- 13 Α. Yes.
- 14 Let me ask you, if I read this correctly, there's a
- 15 heading that says declared nutrient surplus areas and then an
- 16 act. And it gives the section, "declared the following areas
- 17 to be nutrient surplus areas: Number one, the Illinois River
- 18 Watershed including -- included within Benton, Washington and
- 19 Crawford Counties." Do you see that?
- 20 Yes, I do. Α.
- Does that square with your findings that Benton and 21 Ο.
- 22 Washington Counties are nutrient surplus areas?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- Okay. Let's flip over, if we could, sir, to page 10 of 24 Ο.
- 25 that document. And do you see a heading that says Section

- 1 | based and that you were opposed to it?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Did anyone at NRCS say, well, no, Dr. Johnson, here's the
- 4 | scientific basis for a 300 STP limit or a 400 limit or whatever
- 5 | it was at the time?
- 6 A. No, there has never been any scientific evidence provided
- 7 to suggest that it is a science based number.
- 8 MR. NANCE: I can't improve on that, Judge. Nothing
- 9 further.
- 10 THE COURT: Recross.
- 11 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 12 BY MR. MCDANIEL:
- 13 Q. Dr. Johnson, you would agree that the majority of the
- 14 states in the United States either uses a phosphorus index or
- 15 | they use the NRCS Code 590; right?
- 16 A. I believe the majority of the states have a NRCS 590 or a
- 17 phosphorus index.
- 18 Q. Now, the Arkansas rules that you reviewed again with
- 19 Mr. Nance, the Arkansas rules that cover the Illinois River
- 20 | Watershed do actually provide some criteria for the use of
- 21 | commercial fertilizer; right?
- 22 A. I think we covered that.
- 23 Q. Well, the answer is yes, sir?
- A. Yes, yes.
- 25 Q. Thank you. There are no such restrictions on the use of

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1 | commercial fertilizer on the Oklahoma side; correct?
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- 2 A. Yes, there are.
- 3 | O. And what is that?
- 4 A. It's 65.
- 5 Q. There's no regulations, there's no state law regulating
- 6 the use of commercial fertilizer on the Oklahoma portion of the
- 7 | Illinois River Watershed; right?
- 8 | A. That may be true. What I'm referring to is the guidelines
- 9 in Oklahoma's Code 590 that identifies a table similar to the
- 10 one that we looked at in Exhibit 2 and limits the input of
- 11 | phosphorus as a commercial fertilizer when the soil test
- 12 exceeds 65.
- 13 Q. There's a recommendation in the 590 but there is no
- 14 regulatory program to enforce that for commercial fertilizer
- 15 use; right?
- 16 A. I think that's probably true, yes.
- 17 Q. Now, Mr. Nance was very careful in asking you questions
- 18 | about when things made agronomic sense when you were going
- 19 through the Arkansas rules. And every time he asked you did it
- 20 make agronomic sense for the use of phosphorus, that was the
- 21 | frame -- the way he framed all of his questions; right?
- 22 A. I believe so.
- 23 | Q. He did not ask you if it made agronomic sense for any
- other constituent in litter, did he, sir?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Now, Oklahoma State University provides recommendations
- 2 and counsel to both the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
- 3 | Food and Forestry and the NRCS with regard to nutrient
- 4 management. Do you agree?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And both the regulations in Oklahoma and the NRCS Code 590
- 7 do not restrict poultry litter utilization to a strict 65 STP
- 8 threshold, do they?
- 9 A. That's true.
- 10 | Q. Now, you've never actually conducted any research on a
- 11 | modern phosphorus index, have you, Dr. Johnson?
- 12 A. On the phosphorus index as it's used in measuring relative
- 13 | risk for animal waste, no. And the reason I want to specify
- 14 | that is because the numbers in Fact Sheet 2225 for decades were
- 15 | identified as a phosphorus index before the other concept of a
- 16 | phosphorus index came into being.
- 17 Q. All right. Now, Dr. Johnson, you're not here today to
- 18 | speak for Oklahoma State University, are you?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 | Q. And no one with speaking authority for Oklahoma State
- 21 University has told you that they agree with your opinion that
- 22 | all poultry litter should be removed from the Illinois River
- 23 Watershed; right?
- 24 A. That's right.
- 25 | Q. And of all the university and NRCS scientists who are

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1 studying nutrient management in this region, you can't identify
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- 2 | a single one who has endorsed your view that 100 percent of the
- 3 | poultry litter should be removed from the Illinois River
- 4 Watershed?
- 5 A. That's true.
- 6 Q. And there's been no head of any Oklahoma environmental
- 7 | regulatory agency who's expressed to you that they agree with
- 8 | your opinion that all the poultry litter should be exported
- 9 from the Illinois River Watershed?
- 10 A. That's true.
- 11 Q. Thank you.
- 12 MR. MCDANIEL: That concludes my examination, Your
- 13 Honor. I recognize that when I first came up we didn't make a
- 14 very good record for the Court on the numbers of those
- 15 exhibits, defendants' exhibits. I'd like to identify them for
- 16 you, please.
- 17 THE COURT: Please, if you would.
- 18 | MR. MCDANIEL: The defendants' exhibits that I
- 19 referenced and that the State has stipulated to the admission
- 20 | are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 13, 14, 18 and 21.
- 21 THE COURT: Very well. Under the previous
- 22 | stipulation, Defendants' Exhibits 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 13, 14, 18 and
- 23 | 21 are recognized as having been previously admitted.
- MR. MCDANIEL: Thank you.
- MR. NANCE: Your Honor, if I did not indicate 87, that

- 1 Q. Nonetheless, this is a significant number you've
- 2 | calculated?
- 3 A. Absolutely, it is significant.
- 4 Q. And it's gotten higher currently than it was ten years
- 5 ago, the usage, the floating usage of the river?
- 6 A. I can't say for ten years ago. All I know right now that
- 7 I can honestly compare would be the last four years because in
- 8 2003 there was a different counting method used by the Scenic
- 9 Rivers Commission. So the numbers are not really comparable,
- 10 and I would go back to a couple of the exhibits.
- 11 Q. Dr. Caneday --
- 12 A. I don't know if it's more or less.
- 13 Q. -- if you can't answer my question, that's fine.
- 14 A. Yeah, I don't know that.
- 15 Q. Now, you're not aware of any documented evidence that any
- 16 recreational floater on the Illinois River Watershed has ever
- 17 | contracted an infectious disease as a direct result of
- 18 | recreating in the river or stream?
- 19 A. I am not aware of that.
- 20 | Q. Now, you're not suggesting to the Court by your testimony
- 21 or your affidavit and you're not trying to imply that there is
- 22 | any risk of a recreational floater contracting disease from
- 23 pathogenic bacteria in the waters?
- 24 A. That is not my area.
- 25 Q. Now, you stated the primary recreational use for the river

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     Arkansas?
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              MR. RYAN: I'm not sure, Your Honor.
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              MR. GEORGE: Little Rock, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Does he not face the same concerns?
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              MR. GEORGE: I expect he's driving as opposed to
     flying would be the distinction.
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              THE COURT: Is he here in the courtroom?
              MR. GEORGE: He is. Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Doctor, I take it you're driving? You
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     say, he is?
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              MR. GEORGE: It's Randy Young, actually the executive
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     director of the Arkansas National Resources Commission.
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              THE COURT: Yes, sir. Are you driving, sir?
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              MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir.
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              THE COURT: Doctor, you are flying?
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              DR. DUPONT: Flying.
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              THE COURT: What time is your flight, sir?
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              DR. DUPONT: It's not until tomorrow.
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              THE COURT: All right. Well, then let's take our
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     other witness first as set forth in the previous schedule.
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              MR. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Yes, sir.
              MR. GEORGE: Defendants call Randy Young.
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                            JESSE RANDALL YOUNG
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     Called as a witness on behalf of the defendants, being first
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1 duly sworn, testified as follows:
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- THE COURT: State your full name for the record,
- 3 please.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Jesse Randall Young.
- 5 THE COURT: Thank you. You may inquire.
- 6 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 7 BY MR. GEORGE:
- 8 Q. Mr. Young, can you state your current place of employment?
- 9 A. I'm the executive director of the Arkansas Natural
- 10 Resources Commission.
- 11 | Q. And how long have you been the executive director of the
- 12 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, sir?
- 13 A. Since May of 1985.
- 14 Q. Okay. Did you work with the Department of Natural
- Resources or perhaps its predecessor prior to them?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. In what capacity?
- 18 A. I started in 1971 as an entry level engineer and became
- 19 | the deputy director and chief engineer, I think, in 1976.
- 20 | Q. Mr. Young, do you hold an engineering degree and
- 21 | certification?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. What particular area of engineering?
- 24 A. I have a bachelor of science in agricultural engineering
- 25 and a master of science in environmental engineering.

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1 I could give you some specific numbers for '06 and '07. And in
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- 2 | those two years, I believe we have -- our conservation district
- 3 employees have -- the number escapes me momentarily. I'll see
- 4 | if I can recall what it is but I think it's 1,995 were written
- 5 in those two years.
- 6 Q. Mr. Young, is there an inspection process by Arkansas
- 7 Natural Resources Commission to determine compliance with
- 8 | plans?
- 9 A. We actually have an agreement with our -- between my
- 10 agency and our DEQ to provide inspection, not only of these dry
- 11 litter permit facilities but also the CAFO facilities. And our
- 12 | conservation district technicians, in the agreement that my
- agency has with them, we require them to do an inspection on
- 14 | five percent of those permitted facilities annually. My
- 15 employees at DNR do some joint inspections with those
- 16 technicians so that we're satisfied that the inspections are
- 17 | actually being done properly.
- 18 | Q. Mr. Young, if an inspection discovers or reveals a
- 19 | violation of the law, what's the process for correcting that
- 20 under the Arkansas regulatory program?
- 21 A. Our first objective is to get compliance with our Arkansas
- 22 | laws. And we have instructed our conservation districts and
- 23 their technicians to use that as a priority, provide whatever
- 24 technical assistance is available to try to get compliance.
- 25 And if we simply can't get compliance in that manner, we have,

1 I think, appropriate authority to assess penalties. If we

2 | think it's a direct violation of our state water quality

3 standards, the agreement we have with DEQ, we refer that matter

- 4 to them to take enforcement action on.
- 5 Q. Mr. Young, based upon the inspections that have been
- 6 performed and your own personal knowledge as well as
- 7 | conversations with your staff members, are you aware of any
- 8 | indication of widespread non-compliance in the State of
- 9 Arkansas with your regulatory program?
- 10 A. No. We've probably had more problem with compliance with
- 11 | the registration part of it. I think we sent out something
- 12 like a hundred certified letters last year to people who had
- 13 | previously registered, but did not last year. And I think we
- 14 got 90 percent of those complied just based on that. And we
- 15 | had to resort to getting a local sheriff's deputy to actually
- 16 | serve the papers on the other 10 or 11. I think we ended up
- 17 | issuing -- entering into consent agreements with ten of those
- 18 and they were assessed a first tier penalty.
- 19 Q. What you are describing, as I understand it, is
- 20 registration issues; correct?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 | Q. What about with respect to land application practices?
- 23 Are you aware of any evidence of widespread violation of the
- 24 Arkansas laws regarding litter application rates under the
- 25 regulatory program?

1 A. No, our experience has been we've received several phone

2 | calls, primarily with concern about dust and odor issues. And

- 3 when we made the callers aware that under the law and our
- 4 | regulations, they have to identify themselves and file a
- 5 | notarized complaint, that has a chilling effect on the average
- 6 citizen, I guess, because most of those who called in with that
- 7 | type of complaint didn't follow up. So the complaint didn't
- 8 rise to meet the standard for us to investigate it.
- 9 O. Mr. --
- 10 A. We've since --
- 11 Q. I'm sorry?
- 12 A. We didn't log those calls. We've since started logging
- 13 | those. But we did have, I think, four complaints from
- 14 | individuals who identified themselves and submitted a notarized
- 15 letter that we followed up on. Two of those were complaints of
- 16 overapplication of chicken litter. And one of them was
- 17 | application without a plan. And the fourth one was a suspected
- 18 | water quality violation.
- 19 Q. Mr. Young, in each of those four instances, did the agency
- 20 | take action to investigate the complaint and, if appropriate,
- 21 to pursue remedies?
- 22 A. Yes. They were all investigated by the conservation
- district technicians as well as by my staff. Three of the four
- were issued warning letters, which is what's called for under
- 25 our regulations for a first violation. Plus we scheduled a

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THE COURT: All right. Exhibits 354, 55, 56, 57, 58,
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     60 and 363, any objection?
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              MR. GEORGE: No objection, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Those exhibits are admitted.
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                          RANDALL WRIGHT ROBINSON
     Called as a witness on behalf of the defendants, being first
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     duly sworn, testified as follows:
               THE COURT: State your full name for the record,
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     please.
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              MR. RYAN: Mr. Robinson, the Judge is talking to you.
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              THE COURT: I'm sorry. State your full name for the
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     record, please.
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              THE WITNESS: Randall Wright Robinson.
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              THE COURT: Thank you.
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              MR. RYAN:
                          Thank you, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: Mr. Ryan.
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                             DIRECT EXAMINATION
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     BY MR. RYAN:
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          Mr. Robinson, where do you live?
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          Fayetteville, Arkansas.
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          About how far out of Fayetteville do you live?
      Ο.
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      Α.
          About 15 mile.
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      Ο.
          How close are you to the Oklahoma line?
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          Probably five or six miles.
      Α.
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      Q.
          Are you a family man?
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- 1 A. 150 to 180.
- Q. Is your operation, your chicken operation and your farming
- 3 operation and your ranching operation, do they go together?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. And if so, how do they work together?
- 6 A. Well, we use the chicken litter for fertilizer.
- 7 Q. Go ahead. Then that fertilizes what?
- 8 A. Fertilizes the pasture and the hay ground and we can run
- 9 more cattle.
- 10 Q. All right. If the cost of poultry operations increases
- 11 | for some reason, how does that impact you?
- 12 A. You mean the cost of my producing poultry?
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 A. Well, I just make less money.
- 15 Q. Now, do you have a contract with Tyson?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 | Q. How long have you been a contract grower for Tyson?
- 18 A. Ten or eleven years.
- 19 | Q. There was some testimony from the prior witness about a
- 20 | standard form contract. Were you able to hear that from where
- 21 you were?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 | Q. In your own terms, is your contract you signed with Tyson
- 24 a standard form contract?
- 25 A. Just a standard contract.

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I do disagree with their conclusions --
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              MS. WARD:
                         Thank you.
          For the reasons I outlined in my declaration.
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              MS. WARD:
                         Thank you.
              THE COURT: Let's take a recess.
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              MR. MCDANIEL: Your Honor, there will be no redirect.
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              THE COURT: Very well, you may be excused at this
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     point, sir. Thank you very much.
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              THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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               (Recess.)
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              THE COURT: Be seated please. Mr. Elrod.
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              MR. ELROD: Your Honor, we call Mr. John Littlefield
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     by deposition. His testimony will be 18.36.599 seconds in
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     length. And Mr. Littlefield is in the courtroom today and I
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     understand he will be quote, cross-examined, end quote, live.
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              MR. BULLOCK: A brief cross-examination live, Your
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     Honor.
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              THE COURT: Very well, 18 point some seconds; right?
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              MR. BULLOCK: I think we can beat that record.
              MR. ELROD: It's 18.36.599 minutes.
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              THE COURT: You may proceed.
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              MR. BULLOCK: I want to get my five minutes back.
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               (Excepts of the videotaped deposition of John
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     Littlefield were played as follows:)
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                            DIRECT EXAMINATION
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1 Q. "Mr. Littlefield, my name is John Elrod and I represent
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- 2 | Simmons Foods in this matter, and I'm going to have a few
- questions for you. We've not met before today, have we, sir?
- 4 A. "No, sir.
- 5 Q. "And would you tell me what your name and address is for
- 6 | the record?
- 7 A. "John L. Littlefield, 38327 South 4370 Road, Adair,
- 8 Oklahoma 74330."
- 9 | * * * * *
- 10 A. "I was only there about a year when this job came open in
- 11 | 1998 and I started with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture
- 12 on a contract."
- * * * * *
- 14 Q. "For what counties are you responsible?
- 15 A. "Counties?
- 16 Q. "Yes, sir.
- 17 A. "Mayes County, Rogers County, Craig County, Ottawa County,
- 18 | and Delaware County, most of Delaware. There is a strip on the
- 19 | north side of -- or the south side of 412 that I don't have in
- 20 Delaware County."
- 21 * * * * *
- 22 Q. "In terms of coverage for the entire Illinois River
- 23 | Watershed on the Oklahoma side, that would be you and David
- 24 Berry?
- 25 A. "That's correct."

1 2 Q. "What are your job duties? 3 "Well, I'm a poultry inspector for those counties. Α. 4 don't know if I said Mayes County or not in that awhile ago." 5 6 "How many growers are in the counties you work? Q. 7 "I -- I think I have about 210. 205, 210. Α. 8 "Of that number, how many have in place phosphorus based Q. 9 animal waste plans?" 10 11 "To the best of my recollection, they all do. They either Α. 12 have a plan or they have a letter from the NRCS office stating 13 that they will work them up a plan. So they do have something 14 current in their file." 15 16 "Do you get to know these people pretty well? Q. 17 Α. "Yes, sir, I do. "And for the most part are they cooperative with you? Ο. 19 Α.

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- "Yes, sir, they are.
- 20 Q. "Courteous?
- 21 Α. "Yes, sir.
- 22 "Have you had any problems with any hostility at any time Ο.
- 23 ever?
- 24 "Starting out, you know, it was a change and farmers are
- 25 pretty conservative and independent people.

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1 in Oklahoma chose to -- chose that there were would be no new
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- 2 | house construction in Oklahoma it could do so?
- 3 A. "I don't know.
- 4 Q. "Has that issue ever been discussed between you and your
- 5 | elders at ODAFF?
- 6 A. "No, sir.
- 7 Q. "There's never been any discussion that you've been
- 8 | involved in to the effect that maybe we ought to just stop
- 9 | issuing licenses for construction of new houses?
- 10 A. "No, sir, I don't remember hearing that."
- 11 * * * * *
- 12 | Q. "Are you aware of any growers in your area of the state
- who are discharging poultry wastes to the waters of the state
- 14 of Oklahoma?
- 15 A. "I'm not aware of any."
- 16 * * * * * *
- 17 Q. "So as far as the Oklahoma's laws that relate to
- 18 | management of poultry litter, you're the man on the ground
- 19 | that's enforcing those laws out in the watersheds; is that a
- 20 | correct statement?
- 21 A. "I -- I think so."
- 22 * * * * * *
- 23 | Q. "So I assume that you would agree that an animal waste
- 24 management plan is designed to protect the natural resources of
- 25 the state of Oklahoma; do you agree with that?